



**Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2010**



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room.

Members Present: Mayor Cooper, Mayor Pro Tem Archer; Councilmembers: Ann Batt, Eddie Briley, Trish Ide and Vada Palma

Members Absent:

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Kelly Cyrus, Town Clerk; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Services; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Adam Snyder, Fire Chief and Claude Andrews, Departmental Chaplain

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Kelly Cyrus, Town Clerk took roll call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and INVOCATION

Mayor Cooper led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Claude Andrews, Departmental Chaplain performed the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDAS

Mayor Pro Tem Archer made a motion *to approve* the Agenda as written. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Ide made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Briley. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one introduction/motion/second/roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

1. Tax Collection Report
2. Tax Releases
3. Financial Reports
4. Budget Transfers
5. Budget Amendments
6. Approval of the 2011 Schedule of Meetings for the Town of Atlantic Beach
7. 2010 Annual Certification of Firemen

(Clerk's Note: a copy of Consent Agenda items are hereby attached and therefore made a part of these minutes)

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

James Newman Willis, III: 104 Atlantic Beach Causeway, Atlantic Beach, NC

- Presented the Council and audience with a Atlantic Beach history lesson on the things that Mayor Cooper and himself have in common
- Main thing in common: both Mayor Cooper's great-great grandfather, John Albert Leper and Mr. Willis's great-great grandfather, John Howard Lewis both came to Bogue Banks from Morehead City and Shackleford Banks. In addition, both individuals had horrific deaths.

- John Albert Leper – came over to Atlantic Beach to visit a family member at Hoop Pole Creek, had a heart attack, fell off the end of the dock while tying up his boat and drowned because he did not know how to swim – according to the story.
- John Howard Lewis – moved to, what was called “Wood Island” to his new house with a new stove in his house. He couldn’t start the stove and he used, what was supposed to be kerosene that someone had given him, there was an explosion that “blew him across the room” to his death.
- Other things in common: both were great-great grandfathers, both were named “John”; both came over here about a century ago and both suffering horrible deaths.

Joe Tarascio, 113 Hoop Pole Creek Drive, Atlantic Beach, NC

- Correction on comment made at last month’s Council meeting – misstatement that current Council passed the current Stormwater permit fee; when in actuality it was the former Council that Mr. Tarascio sat on.
- He feels that it was a unintentional mistake that he voted for this permit fee.
- Feels that with the currently imposed 2 cent Stormwater fee is covering the purpose of what the Stormwater permit fee is about
- Feels that certain homeowners in the town are unfairly being charged this additional permit fee
- Request Council to suspend the rule and change the language in the current ordinance so that it reflects building permits that increase in impervious coverage so that the town will not be charging individuals that are not contributing to the problem

PRESENTATIONS

ACTION AGENDA

1. Awarding of Contract and Approval of Budget Amendment – Town Manager

Mr. Walker stated that as a result of the study done by W. K. Dickson Engineering on the Greenville Ave./Terminal Blvd. flooding issue it was determined that could be gravity flow out to the existing state system along Fort Macon Rd. by diverting flow heading west down Terminal Blvd. and turning north up Greenville Ave. The design of the project was pursued and retained the necessary permits from the state. The design will take the flow from Wilson Ave./Greenville Ave. west down to Terminal Blvd. and then north to the system on East Fort Macon Rd. Mr. Walker noted that the engineer’s estimate for this project was \$130,000.00 and explained that bids were advertised for and received and delighted that lowest bid came in at \$78,000.00 from DOT Construction out of Charlotte, NC, which was the lowest bidder. The bids ranged from \$142,800 to \$78,500. At this time, Mr. Walker recommended that Council award the contract for the Greenville Ave/Terminal Blvd. Drainage Improvement Project to DOT Construction. Mr. Walker noted that DOT Construction also won the town’s bid for the west end elevated walkway/sidewalk project and doing an excellent job thus far.

Mayor Cooper confirmed with the Town Manager that funding for this project is coming out of the Powell Bill fund.

Councilmember Palma made a motion *to award* the contract, subject to Town Attorney approval of the contract, to DOT Construction and *to approve* Budget Amendment #9. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

2. Renewal of Contract – Tarheel Medical Billing, Inc. for Emergency Medical Services

Adam Snyder, Fire Chief stated that the renewal of the contract is for Colleton Software/Tarheel Medical Billing. In 2008, the Fire Chiefs Association met and changed, county-wide, the billing agency from EMS Consultants to Tarheel Billing for the reasons of receiving free software to utilized due to being computer-based. According to Chief Snyder, Tarheel Billing is very professional and proficient. He stated that the technical service is great and have actually seen an increase in revenue for the town and in addition the percentage rate has been reduced from 8% to 7% for the next three years. Chief Snyder recommended to the Council to approve the renewal of the contract between the Town of Atlantic Beach and Tarheel Medical Billing, Inc.

Councilmember Batt made a motion *to approve* the renewal of the contract between the Town of Atlantic Beach and Tarheel Medical Billing, Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Ide. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

(Clerk’s Note: A copy of all contracts awarded are hereby attached and therefore made a part of these minutes.)

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Town Attorney, Derek Taylor wished the Mayor and Council a “lawyer-free” holiday.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager, David Walker reviewed the short and long-term goals and objectives that were set by Council at the beginning of 2010 and those goals and objectives that have been accomplished.

(Clerk’s Note: a copy of the short and long-term goals and objectives are hereby attached and therefore made a part of these minutes.)

MAYOR/COUNCIL REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Palma

- Feels that Atlantic Beach has the best citizens anywhere
- Stated that she is looking forward to the future and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Councilmember Ide:

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Councilmember Briley:

- Requested better citizen participation on issues that are being addressed in scheduled work sessions.

Councilmember Batt:

- Thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting
- Thanked town staff, volunteers and all those that worked on the town’s holiday festival
- Sent out an early “thank you” to the town staff that are having to work through the holidays

Mayor Pro Tem Archer

- Thanked Town Manager for the accomplishments in 2010
- Thanked all staff, volunteers and citizens for their participation in the Atlantic Beach Holiday Festival

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action taken or business before the Town Council, Councilmember Brile made a motion *to adjourn* the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. It was 7:05 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the January 24, 2011 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

(SEAL)

A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly L. Cyrus - Town Clerk